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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company to Transfer Operational Control over Its Transmission Facilities to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator

4280-EI-101

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider an application by Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.485(4)(a) for approval to transfer operational control over its transmission facilities to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator. The Commission will investigate this application without a hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission, which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission

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